

Dear Legislators,

I am not actually personally involved in adoption (at least not that I know of).

It is very important to me that people know the truth about their origins. It is cruel to deny them basic information about their family. Considering that tracing your family lineage, including DNA testing, is extremely popular, it seems to me that government shouldn't stand in the way. An adoptee has as much right to know who their family of origin is as anyone else. Considering that there are many websites where they can do that tracing, this bill will simply make things easier for them. That's what government should do — make things easier for the voters you represent.

Every year, we find out how important a role DNA/genetics plays in health. Knowing your history will result in lives saved. For example, take colon cancer. This is a completely preventable cancer. It is extremely slow-growing and if you remove the polyops, the cancer has no time to develop. If there is a family history of this disease, the recommendations for when to have a colonoscopy are earlier than the average person. If you don't know that family history, by the time you have a colonoscopy — even if you do it at the first age recommended for the average person — it may be too late. You could die for lack of information. I can't imagine that any decent person wouldn't want to prevent deaths. You can be that person.

*Please support and pass HB 6105.*

Thank you,  
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